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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1951

KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

Watersheddings News and Views.

We are still blazing the trail and our win at Salford on Saturday last was thoroughly deserved as on the day's play we were definitely the best team, and a little more luck by the run of the ball, our score at the final whistle would have been greater. However, we were satisfied with the result and the display of our team was in keeping with the theory and practice that has been put into operation since the commencement of the season. Without doubt, our team are playing as a team; a team inspired that they can play football; no individual brilliance, but a team that plays as one unit: collective brilliance, strong running, sure and quick handling, each knowing that he is playing for his team and not for himself. That is the creation of team spirit, each player with the mental capacity of the will to win, and win by Rugby League Football as it should be played. Our position in the league table is very promising and looks healthy, but we have a difficult programme ahead, and we realise that we have to keep the form displayed by our team at the highest level. We cannot always be on the winning side, every team has an off day, but our players face the future with confidence, and if we lose an odd match or so, a little recompense will be received by knowing that we have played a game and played well. So let us all face the future with confidence, knowing that we possess a team imbued with a 100% team spirit and playing for Oldham and not himself.

Mainly about our Players.

Herbert Goodfellow has now recovered from the severe neck injury received on August 22nd and has reported that he is fit and well and ready to play when required. He has been in training.

John Sugden has now had a second operation for the removal of a "foreign body in the knee," and is now making good progress.

James Chalmers is still "resident" in a nursing home at Meathop, near Grange-over-Sands, and is now a walking patient. Correspondence from him shows that he still has a great interest in the club and sends his best wishes to all enquiring friends. The club keeps him well supplied with sporting literature and other interesting books.

Cardiff R.L. Club have been given permission to play three of our players resident in South Wales: W. J. Jones and E. H. Ward, of Llanelly, and Selwyn Evans, of Cardiff, but up to the present only E. H. Ward has accepted. All players have been offered on loan.

Schoolboy Rugby League.

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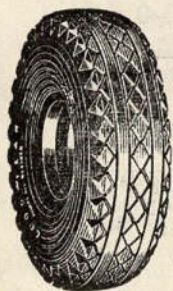
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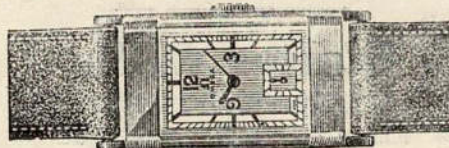
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Referee Appointments for November.

1st Team.

Nov. 10—Workington, away. Mr. L. Thorpe, Wakefield.
17—Wigan, home. Mr. R. Gelder, Wakefield.
24—Barrow, away. Mr. L. J. Dalby, York.

“A” Team.

Nov. 10—Workington “A”, home. Mr. D. T. H. Davies.
17—Wigan “A”, away. Mr. G. Battersby, Barrow.
24—Barrow “A”, home. Mr. D. Halliday, Swinton.

Please note that our next 1st team home match, November 17th, against Wigan, the time of kick-off will be 2-30 p.m.

“A” Team.

Our “A” team are holding their own in the Lancashire Combination, although at times we have an unsettled combination through playing trialists in the team. They are, however, playing attractive football under the guidance and coaching of Alex Givvons. The trialists played so far this season, in the majority of cases, have not come up to the required standard, and we are still persevering in our efforts to secure the required standard for the “A” team with a view to making first team players.

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